

I am writing on behalf of my concerns with what will happen to the AFP. I have been involved with the AFP since 2007. I have worked with the AFP during our initial accreditation and I am currently starting my second session for reaccreditation, which may get cut before my renewal date is here. I have volunteered to help serve on our area board and the state level board, when I was not in the AFP. With all the demands made on state funded programs, I have found the AFP to be a valuable resource with the accreditation process.

The AFP is an organization that is helpful, always available, and knowledgeable in the accreditation process and has an understanding of community needs. They have also been a leader in programs for administrators growing their skills in the ECE field. The AFP also offers a significant amount of in-kind services. I have watched the AFP work with all levels of programs with a large percentage of accreditations. I also like the fact that most if not all of the AFP staff were trained in ECE and have an ECE background.

To get to the point, I am concerned with what does the future hold for the AFP? When you have an organization that is well run and working to bring quality to OEC/Ct programs why cut it or change it. How many programs will be able to participate in the AFP moving forward? I am currently one of a hundred plus programs in the AFP. Why would we even start to think about reinventing the wheel, when the staff has worked so hard to make a strong foundation for Connecticut.

Thank you, for you time

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